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 For : METHOD OF DETECTING AND QUANTITATING MICROORGANISM  
 HAVING SPECIFIC FUNCTION AND ITS GENE FROM NATURAL  
 ENVIRONMENT, NOVEL 16sRrNA GENE DATA AND PROBES

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Subsequent to the Preliminary Amendment filed May 24, 2002, and prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Sequence Listing section filed May 24, 2002 with the Sequence Listing being filed concurrently herewith.

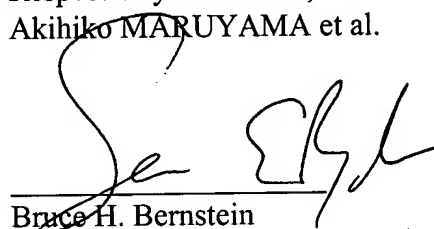
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REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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